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SUBJECT: PM KIRK ON NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

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1. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO PM KIRK, IN ADDRESS TO INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTED FROM PREPARED TEXT NEAR END OF SPEECH AND BRIEFLY SPOKE ON PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE.

2. NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE GOT VERBATIM WHAT KIRK SAID, BUT MFA AFTER GATHERING SPARSE NOTES FROM ATTENDEES, INCLUDING MINE, HAS NOW ISSUED AN OFFICIAL TEXT WHICH KIRK APPROVED. THE TEXT PRETTY WELL FOLLOWS WHAT IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT KIRK SAID, WITH ONE SIGNIFICANT OMISSION. THIS OMISSION BY MFA WAS OBVIOUSLY DELIBERATE, SINCE IT FURNISHED IN ALMOST EXACT SAME WORDING BY ME, A CANADIAN COLLEAGUE AND NZBC REPORTER.

3. THE STATEMENT, AS ISSUED, FOLLOWS WITH OMITTED  
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PORTION IN PARENTHESIS AT ABOUT THE POINT IT OCCURED.

QUOTE: WE ARE STUDYING THE PROPOSITION OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. THERE ARE THREE SUCH ZONES IN THE WORLD AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE FIRST WAS IN ANTARCTICA. IT IS A BIT IRONIC THAT THE ONLY PLACE WE COULD COME TO AGREEMENT ON WAS THE PLACE WHERE THERE WAS NO PERMANENT POPULATION. BUT NONETHELESS THERE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT THAT NUCLEAR WAPONS SHOULD NOT BE BASED IN ANTARCTICA. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIMITED ZONES IN AFRICA AND WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN AGREEMENT WHICH EXTENDS FROM MEXICO TO THE TIP OF SOUTH AMERICA, AN AGREEMENT WHICH PUTS A PROHIBITION ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS ALTHOUGH IT MAKES, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, AN EXCEPTION FOR THE TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IF NEW ZEALAND MOVES FOR A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, A GREAT MANY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS WILL BE WHEEPED UP. IT WILL BE ARGUED THAT WE ARE BEING PROTECTED BY A NUCLEAR UMBRELLA. THIS WILL REQUIRE LOTS OF THINKING. WE WERE ALSO ONCE UNDER A BRITISH NAVAL UMBRELLA, BUT WHEN THE TIME CAME THE UMBRELLA TURNED OUT TO BE FULL OF LEAKS. A LOT DEPENDS ON THE HAND THAT HOLDS THE UMBRELLA WHETHER ONE IS SHELTERED WHEN THE RAIN COMES. IT WOULD BE EXTREMELEY DIFFICULT, GIVEN THE PRESENT MOOD OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND PEOPLE, FOR ANY UNITED STATES PRESIDENT, FOR THE NEXT 15 TO 20 YEARS TO DESPATCH FORCES ABROAD UNLESS UNITED STATES INTERESTS ARE DIRECTLY ATTACKED. (THIS IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO ALL HER PARTNERS IN COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND MAKES THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC A MATTER OF INCREASED IMPORTANCE). IT WOULD BE FOOLISH IF NEW ZEALAND DID NOT RECOGNISE THE REALITIES OF THE POST VIETNAM PACIFIC. ANY VIEWS WE HAVE ON A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE SHOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY NEW ZEALAND VIEWS, KEEPING IN MIND THE INTERESTS OF VARIOUS NATIONS WITHIN THE REGION, AND PARTICULARLY THE FACT THAT OUR PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. END QUOTE.

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